

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB191ER

**Patron:** Convirs-Fowler

**Bill Title:** Victims of sex trafficking; minors; immunity to prosecution for prostitution.

**Bill Summary:** This enrolled bill provides that no minor shall be subject to prosecution of a qualifying offense, defined in relevant law, if at the time of the offense leading to such charge, such minor was a victim of sex trafficking, defined in relevant law. The bill also provides that such minor shall be referred to the local department of social services for a human trafficking or other assessment. A law-enforcement officer or the local department of social services may take custody of the minor pursuant to § 63.2-1517 of the Code of Virginia. No law-enforcement officer acting in good faith shall be found liable for false arrest if it is later determined that the minor arrested was immune from prosecution under this subsection.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** N/A

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** This substitute is not expected to have a material impact on the Courts or other state or local agencies.

**Fiscal Analysis:** Any unforeseen costs are expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

**Other:** None.